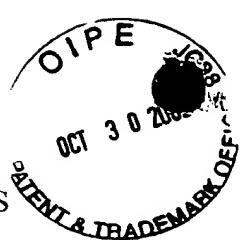


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METHODS THEREOF

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 3 on page 20 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

A thirtieth aspect of the present invention is a printing plate metal as in the twenty-eighth aspect, in which the group VIA metal is any of Ge, Sn, and Pb.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 4, 25 and 41.

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